

Additional Hearings Will Be Held In Proposed Water Disinfection Standards For The Chicago Area Waterways System

On August 5, 2010, the Illinois Pollution Control Board granted a motion by the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago to held additional hearings in In the Matter of: Water Quality Standards and Effluent Limitations for the Chicago Area Waterway System and Lower Des Plaines River Proposed Amendments to 35 Ill. Adm. Code 301, 302, 303, and 304 (R08-09 (Subdocket B)). The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) filed the original proposal on October 26, 2007. On March 18, 2010, the Board divided the docket into four subdockets.

The additional hearings will focus on the final report on the Chicago Health Environmental Exposure and Recreation Study (CHEERS). The IEPA, the People of the State of Illinois and the Environmental Law and Policy Center, Friends of Chicago River, Sierra Club Illinois Chapter, Natural Resources Defense Council and Openlands opposed the request for additional hearings. The Board directed the hearing officer to schedules hearings on the CHEERS final report and to schedule final comments in this matter expeditiously, cut in no event to conclude later than December 31, 2010.

Public comments must be filed with the Clerk of the Board. Public comments may be filed at the following address:

Pollution Control Board
James R. Thompson Center
100 W. Randolph Street, Suite 11-500
Chicago, IL 60601

In addition, public comments may be filed electronically through COOL at www.ipcb.state.il.us. Any questions about electronic filing through COOL should be directed to the Clerk's Office at (312) 814-3629

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